



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hans Kodeda, et al.  
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For: AN OPTICAL ELEMENT HOLDING AND EXTRACTION DEVICE  
  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1-4, 6, 14, 16-18, 20, 22, 23 and 30 to read as follows:

1. An optical element holding and extraction device comprising:  
  
an unitary optical element having a peripheral edge, the peripheral edge being substantially planar with respect to a first direction substantially perpendicular to the peripheral edge;  
  
a unitary optical holder comprising a tubular gripping portion and a tubular extraction portion connected at one end to the tubular gripping portion and having a diameter less than the tubular gripping portion, the tubular gripping portion engaging the peripheral edge of the optical element to retain the optical element within the optical holder; and

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